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## **REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action mailed October 29, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

Claims 1-11 and 13-35 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicant cancels claims 32-35. As a result, claims 1-11 and 13-31 are pending for examination, of which claims 1, 13, 16 and 25 are independent.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-31.

The Office Action rejects claims 32-35 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,903,021 (Lee). Although Applicant disagrees with this rejection, for purposes of advancing the prosecution of this application, Applicant has cancelled claims 32-35 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 32-35 is moot.

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## CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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